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His Excellency the Governor directs the publication of the following report of the Surveyor General for the year 1864, for general information.

By His Excellency's command,
HENRY WAKEFORD,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

LANDS AND WORKS OFFICE, }
6th January, 1865. }

SIR.—I have the honour to furnish, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the following general Annual Report.

ROADS, STREETS, AND BRIDGES.

1. Schedule A appended, shows the length of Road made, or Bridge built; description of the same and cost—Some of the works for which money was voted are incomplete, owing to the discoveries of gold at Leech River, and the consequent inflation and uncertainty of the Labour Market, during the summer months.

WORKS AND BUILDINGS.

2. In order to carry out the improvement of Victoria Harbour, the late Surveyor General went to England and purchased the machinery and ironwork of a Dredger and Steam Tug vessel, the former of 25 horse power, and the latter 40. The hulls for these vessels were built in the Colony, and as far as practicable, of native materials. The following are the chief dimensions of the steamer :

Length, 110 feet ; extreme breadth, 18 feet 8 inches ; depth of hold, 10 feet 6 inches ; burthen in tons, 153 and thirty-nine ninety-fourths. The hull of the Dredger is 100 feet long, 22 feet 1 inch broad, and 10 feet deep, and is about 300 tons Burthen.

VICTORIA DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Sundry repairs, much needed, have been effected, and a new well sunk, and bricked up ; also, chimnies for stove pipes built.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.

The main building, new Court House, and House of Assembly, have been painted and the roofs repaired ; stables have been erected.

RACE ROCK LIGHTHOUSE.

The tower has been painted in alternate bands of black and white, on the recommendation of the Commissioners.

FISGARD LIGHTHOUSE.

Has been lathed, studded, and plastered, throughout all the dwelling rooms, which were very damp and dangerous before.

GOLD COMMISSIONER'S HOUSE AT LEECH.

A substantial log house, with the necessary offices, and with stone chimneys has been built at the forks of Sooke and Leech Rivers, containing also a court room and constables' quarters.

SURVEYS.

3. There have been very few made this year, one of the most important is that of part of the CHEMAGS DISTRICT, in which the Range Lines have been cut and marked and posted. A partial survey of Comox District has been made, to prevent confusion among the settlers. A survey of the suburban lots in NEWCASTLE TOWN, Nanaimo District, has been made with a view to selling some in the spring. MAPLE BAY TOWNSITE has been surveyed with the same object. A Town has been laid out at the FORKS OF LEECH AND SOOKE and a few lots sold. LEECH RIVER has been surveyed as far as the Devil's Grip, in order to prevent litigation among the miners, and Posts put in at every 220 yards, and connected with the centre of the river. GOVERNMENT RESERVE at Mount Douglas, known as Hyde Park, has been re-surveyed, and the corners marked with stone posts. The PUBLIC PARK at Victoria has been similarly marked.

LAND PRE-EMPTIONS.

4. Schedule B shows the number of pre-emptors and number of acres pre-empted in each District during the year.

Schedule C COWICHAN—In these 5 Districts there are 65 males and 9 females, last year there were 63 males and 8 females—number of acres occupied 7,585, showing an increase of only 435 acres over last year. The estimated value of the improvements is \$24,065 compared with \$10,385 last year, showing an increase of \$13,680. Improvement per acre is \$3.17. Total number of acres recorded 37,687 of which only 7,585 are actually occupied.

NANAIMO, Schedule D—There has been a great deal of settlement in these 4 districts, but the exact value of the improvements I am unable to report, as the Land Recorder has not furnished the necessary information.

COMOX, Schedule E—Total number of acres occupied, 4,530, showing an increase of only 630 over last year. Estimated value of the improvements is \$7,855, showing an increase of \$3,102 over last year; value of improvements, \$1.75 per acre: number of acres recorded, 11,114, of which only 4,530 are occupied. Owing to a misconstruction of the Land Proclamation Act of 1862, many farms on which Certificates of Improvement have been granted, have been vacated last summer. I regret to report that in those Districts where no Land Recorder has been appointed, many Certificates of improvement have been obtained by fraud and in some cases under the misconstruction mentioned, the lands have been left not only unimproved, but shut out from the reach of improving settlers. I shall endeavour to guard against this evil in future by requiring a Schedule of the improvements on the land on which it is sought to acquire a certificate of improvement.

I have &c.,

(Signed,) B. W. PEARSE.

Acting Surveyor General,

The Hon.

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SCHEDULE A.
ROADS, STREETS, AND BRIDGES.

NAME OF WORK.	LENGTH.	Amount expended exclusive of Superintendence.	DESCRIPTION OF WORK.	REMARKS
Matchosin Road,	5,864 yards,	\$ 10,495 06	Formed and Gravelled 12 inches deep, Culverts in &c.,	Contract.
	About 250 yards	478 78	do	do
Albert Head " 2 Bridges, }	feet, } About 200 yards }	Incomplete	First Class,	Foreman and party,
do " do }	miles }	Incomplete	Cleared and levelled,	Contract.
Peddar Inlet to Sooke Copper Mine,	2,275 yards,	1,592 50	Cleared and Levelled ten feet wide,	do
Saanich Road, Victoria to Tolmie's,	2,636 yards,	6,010 08	Widened and Ditched, and Culverts put in,	do
do Tolmie's to Lake Hill,	51 feet,	125 00	Formed, Gravelled, and Culverts put in,	do
do Bridge at Swan Lake,	2,111 yards,	5,003 67	First Class,	do
do Thomson's to Harris' }	3,363 yards,	2,925 81	Formed, and Gravelled, and Culverts put in,	do
do Harris' to Fry's,	3,065,	7,509 25	Formed only, and Culverts put in,	do
do Mount Newton Cross }	225 feet,	149 25	Formed, and Gravelled, and culverts put in,	do
	324 yards, }		First Class Corduroy, 12 feet wide,	do
	957 yards, }		Graded and Gravelled, and Culverts put in,	do
	173 feet, }	678 85 }	Formed only,	do
Trail to Leech, (Munro's)	11-84 miles,	990 00	Second Class Bridges,	do
Government Trail, Sooke Harbour to Leech,	About 11 miles,	784 25	3 feet Trail laid out by direction of Exploration Committee, now abandoned	do
Old Trail to Grant's Mill,	" $\frac{23}{4}$ "	254 80	3 foot Trail, including Bridging and Corduroy,	Foreman and party.
Rebuilding Bridge on do,	132 feet.	178 59	10 foot Trail,	do
		Incomplete	First Class,	do
Victoria to Leech, via Goldstream, }	1 mile,		10 feet wide, Side hills 3 feet,	Contract.
Comox road, Nanaimo to Chemainos	1,009 feet,	706 30	Br Bridges,	do
do do	296 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	741 25	To communicate with Canon Bridge,	do
do do	36 "	72 00	First Class Corduroy,	do
do do	120 "	416 40	do Bridging,	do
Shawnigan to Cowichan,	6-7 miles,	645 50	Second do do	do
	439 feet,	663 40	First Class Trussed Bridge 85 feet span, built by Contractor, to replace the	do
			one just below, washed away last Spring,	do
			Cleared and levelled 10 feet, Side hills 8 feet,	do
			Bridging,	do

SCHEDULE A. (CONTINUED.)
ROADS, STREETS, AND BRIDGES.

NAME OF WORK.	LENGTH.	Amount expended exclusive of Superintendence.	DESCRIPTION OF WORK.	REMARKS.
Quamichan Deviation,	61 mile, 19 feet,	\$ 570 00 21 85 150 00 4,394 00 Incomplete 850 12	Cleared 10 feet, and Levelled, Bridging, Repairing and Strengthening foundations, Formed and Gravelled, and Culverts put in, Formed and Gravelled, and Culverts put in, first class bridges, Macadamised and covered with 4 inches gravel, 18 feet wide, part 25 feet wide, and Culverts put in,	Contract. do do do do do
Quamichan Long Bridge, Cedar Hill Road, No. 1 Contractor, Ogden Point Road,	2600 yards,		Formed and Gravelled, and Culverts put in,	Foreman and party.
Foul Bay to Beacon Hill, including tools & 2 Bridges, 960 yards, Esquimalt Road, including a heavy retaining wall & Tools,	940 yards,	1,578 72	Formed and Gravelled, and Culverts put in, first class bridges, Macadamised and covered with 4 inches gravel, 18 feet wide, part 25 feet wide, and Culverts put in,	do
Goldstream Road, from Langford Lake to St. 3,280 yards, Nicholas,	25 feet,	631 34	Graded 12 feet wide, nearly all side hill cutting, most of it about 6 feet on upper side, Bridge with 42 feet of approaches, Gravelled, 7 feet wide, formed and Culverts put in,	do do do
Mount Tolmie Cross Road,		504 87	Formed only, Laid out under instructions of Gold Commissioner,	do
Trail to North Forks of Leech from Commissioner's, 4 ⁵ / ₈ miles,		402 37		Contract.

WORKS NOT YET COMPLETED, BUT CONTRACTS FOR WHICH ARE LET.

Burnside Road,
East Saanich, and North of Mount Newton,
Maple Bay to Somenos,
Craig Flower to Burnside Road,
Albert Head Road and Bridges,
Pedder Inlet to Sooke Copper Mine,
Victoria to Leech, via Goldstream,
Ogden Point Road.

SCHEDULE B-

Statement of the number of Claims, and the number of Acres pre-empted in the different Districts during the year, under the Land Proclamation Act of 1862.

DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF CLAIM.	NUMBER OF ACRES PRE-EMPTED.	TOTAL.
Esquimalt,	6	450	450
Metchosin,	10	910	910
Sooke,	3	240	240
North Saanich,	10	955	955
South Saanich,	6	600	600
Lake,	3	240	240
Cowichan,	13	1283	
Quamichan,	6	650	
Shawnigan,	6	790	
Comiaken,	17	1629	
Somenos,	5	480	4832
Mountain,	7	3850	
Nanaimo,	3	516	
Cedar,	8	790	
Cranberry,	1	2800	
Douglas,	1	2800	10956
Cala Descanso,	1	100	100
Chemainos,	2	200	200
Salt Spring Island,	7	700	700
Oyster Bay,	1	150	150
Small Islands and Dependencies,	5	500	500
Barclay Sound,	3	300	300
Comox,	25	2666	2666
Highland,	1	100	100
 Total,	 150		 23,899

SCHEDULE C.

Statistical Report by Land Recorder of Cowichan District, showing the actual Settlers, male and female, in each District, together with the Improvements and Stock, and their estimated value to 29th October, 1864.

SCHEDULE C. (CONTINUED.)

Statistical Report by Land Recorder of Cowichan Districts, showing the actual settlers, Male and Female, in each District, together with the Improvements, and Stock and their estimated value to 29th October, 1864.

DATE OF OCCUPATION.	NAMES OF SETTLERS.	Number of Men	Number of women	DISTRICT.	LOCATION.			STOCK.			Approximate value of Improvements.	REMARKS.	
					Range	Section	Acres	Oxen	Cows & Calves	Pigs	Horses		
29 January, 1863,	John Compagnon,	1		Cowichan	III and VII	3 and 13	127					\$ 400 00	
18 do do	D. Humphreys,	1		do	I	19	100		5	6		125 00	
4 May, do	H. Mariner,	2		do	III	11 and 12	108	2				60 00	
18 August, 1862,	Jas. Boal,	1		do	I and II	10 and 10	150		4	9		500 00	
22 November, 1862	Thos. Williams,	1		do	VI	4 and 5	175	2	21	6		400 00	
18 August, 1862	M. J. Marshall,	1		do	III	4 and 5	150			7		100 00	
Not recorded,	T. Marshall,	1		do	II	8	100			7		250 00	
10 April, 1861,	J. Mahoney,	1		do	VI	14 and 15	100		1	4		400 00	
23 March, do	D. Chisholm,	1		do	VI	18 and 19	150		2	4		600 00	
20 August, 1863,	M. Demers,	1		do	II	17	100					100 00	
8 do do	A. Lediard,	1		do	V	5	100		5			120 00	
12 do do	G. A. Robinson,	1		do	IV	3	100					250 00	
22 do do	Wm. Cooper,	1		do	III	10	21					20	
12 September, 1862,	P. Rondeau,	1		do	II	18	100		4	2		2000 00	
9 August, 1864,	Thos. Smith,	1		do	V	2	100					150 00	
Not recorded,	J. Lemon,	1		do	III	7	12					600 00	
10 May, 1862	H. Drummond,	1		Comiaken,	IV	8	100			3		170 00	
29 September, 1862	Geo. Moffat,	1			do	I and II	2					300 00	
29 do do	Wm. Dring,	1			do	I and XII	1	2	20	1		250 00	
1 October do	John French,	1			do	IV	7		2	3		230 00	
1 do do	G. Bedwell and wife,	1	1		III and IV	5 and 5	150		5	8		500 00	
24 August, 1863,	J. J. Robertson,	1		do	III	19	100					100 00	
6 October, do	Chas. Hamilton,	1		do	III	6	100					75 00	
21 do do	A. W. Skinner,	1		do	IV	4	100	2	12	20	2	500 00	
Bought at £1 pr acre,	— Skinner,	1		do									
6 January, 1864,	R. M. Miller,	1		do	I	6	100		1	4		200 00	
8 July, do	Chas. Morton,	1		do	I	8 and 9	100					50 00	
4 July, do	H. McKenzie and wife,	1	1	do	IV	10	100					200 00	

SCHEDULE C. (CONTINUED)

Statistical Report by Land Recorder of Cowichan District, showing the actual Settlers, male and female, in each District, together with the Improvements and Stock, and their estimated value to 29th October, 1864.

DATE OF OCCUPATION.	NAMES OF SETTLERS.	Number of men	Number of women	DISTRICT.	LOCATION.			STOCK.				Approximate value of Improvements.	REMARKS.	
					Range	Section	Acres	Oxen	Cows & Calves	Pigs	Horses			
3 August, do	J. Morley,	1		Comiaken	IV	10	100						\$ 30 00	
29 do 1862	Wm. Manly,	1		Shawnigan	IX and X	13	200	2	6	40			1000 00	
14 do 1863	M. Knott,	1		do	VIII and IX	19	100						200 00	
September, 1859	J. Gabanrie and wife,	1		do	IX	13 and 14	200	2	4		10		400 00	
16 March, 1863	W. R. Lennard,	1		do	IV	20	100		6				160 00	
18 August, 1862	Wm. Shearing,	1		do	V and VI	20 and 20	150		6	4			175 00	
May, 1861	E. Verdier,	1		do	III	15 and 16	150			4			200 00	
10 April, do	F. Vantein,	1	1	do	IX and X	6	200	2	4	10	1		700 00	
Not recorded,	Weston,	1		do									50 00	
26 September, 1862	J. D. Manson,	1		do	IX	17	47						300 00	
	Total,	65	9					7585	20	216	243	29	24065 00	

(Signed,)

JOHN McG. OTTY,
Land Recorder.

SCHEDULE D.

Statistical Report on the Nanaimo Districts by the Land Recorder showing the actual settlers, quantity of Land occupied, together with a few remarks on Improvements made to 12th October, 1864.

RATE OF PRE-EMPTION.	NAMES OF SETTLERS.	DISTRICT.	RANGE.	SECTION.	Number of Acres.	STOCK.	IMPROVEMENTS.	REMARKS.
1862.								
2 July,	Richard Turner,	Mountain	VIII	10				Unoccupied and abandoned
7. do	Adam G. Home,	do	VII	13				do
12 do	Alfred R. Benson,	Cranberry	VIII	20				
17 September,	Job Langston,	Cedar	I	20	200	A few Cattle	90 tons of Hay, cut this year,	do
18 do	John Thompson,	Cranberry	VI	22 and 23				do
25 do	Samuel Francis,	Mountain	VIII	10				
25 do	Thomas Nicholas,	do	V	18	100	A few Cattle	20 or 30 acres under Grain crop.	
25 do	William Rippon,	do	IV	19	100	do	do	do
29. do	John Biggs,	Nanaimo	IV	18 and 20				
21 October,	Bryson Smith,	Cala Descanso Island	Unsurveyed,		150	Cattle	Orchard, Garden, Farmhouse, & Sheds	
22 do	Thomas McGuffie,	do	do		100			Seldom occupied, south end.
22 do	Magnus Edgar,	do	do		100		Garden,	do do do
27 November	Peter Fernie,	do	do					
27 do	George Dakin,	do	do					{ Pre-empted to prospect for Coal, but since abandoned.
20 January 1863	Charles Yorke,	Cedar	I	16	100	A few Cattle	{ 15 acres under cultivation, Houses	
27 do do	James Gordon,	do	I	17	100		{ Garden, &c.,	
23 February, do	Alex McFarlane,	Cala Descanso Island	Unsurveyed,				do do do	
21 March, do	Richard Chapel,	do	do		100			Deceased,
27 do do	Richard Richardson,	Cranberry	VII and VIII	18 and 18				Seldom occupied,
18 April,	Thomas Jones,	Cala Descanso Island	Unsurveyed,		100			Abandoned.
18 do do	Thos. Digman,	do	do		100			
27 do do	John Christie,	Departure Bay	do		100	Cattle	House, Garden, part fenced,	
3 May, do	John Biggs,	Cranberry	VII	23	100		House and Garden,	
23 do do	Charles S. Nicol.	do	VI and VII	22 and 22	200		All fenced, 50 tons of hay cut this year	
29 do do	W. H. Franklyn,	Cedar	I and II	18 and 19			{ All fenced, 10 acres under Grain, Houses, Barns	
8 June, do	Charles S. Nicol,	Nanaimo	VIII	2			{ Sheds, 90 tons of Hay Cut.	
							60 acres of Hay Land,	Abandoned.
								Certificate of Improvement Granted

SCHEDULE D. (CONTINUED.)

Statistical Report on Nanaimo Districts, by the Land Recorder showing the actual settlers, quantity of land occupied, together with a few remarks on Improvements, to 12th October, 1864.

DATE OF PRE-EMPTION.	NAMES OF SETTLERS.	DISTRICT.	RANGE.	SECTIONS	Number of Acres.	STOCK.	IMPROVEMENTS.	REMARKS.
7 July, 1863	J. W. Graham,	Mountain	VIII	10	100			Abandoned
10 September, do	John Bryden,	Departure Bay	Unsurveyed,		150		Lime Kiln,	
5 November, 1862	W. J. Hughes,	do	do		200		Fishing Station, House, Garden &c.,	
19 April, 1864,	Robert Dunsmuir,	Mountain	VIII	9 and 10	200			
12 January, do	Joseph Ferguson,	do	V and VI	20 and 20				Abandoned
22 April, do	do	Cedar	III	2	100		House, Garden, Orchard, cultivating,	
22 do do	W. H. Franklyn,	do	III	1 and 20	200	Cattle	20 acres under cultivation, Houses,	
7 March and 10 May do	Hon'ble. H. D. Lascelles, Harewood Coal Co.,	Mountain Douglas Nanaimo Cranberry			9020		Barns &c.,	Certificate of improvement granted on one section and remainder purchased as contiguous land.
17 June do	Benj. H. Hunter,	Cedar	I	19	100	Cattle	Hay Land,	
22 July do	Joseph Westwood,	Mountain	V and VII	9 and 9	150		Part fenced, dairy farm,	
23 do do	Jas. M. Brown,	do	VII and VIII	16 and 16	150		Orchards, cultivating,	
2 August do	Nicholas J. Jones,	Nanaimo	VI	1, 2 and 3	150		Hay Land, Houses Garden,	
18 September do	Richard Riebardson,	Cedar	I	5	100		20 acres under cultivation,	
18 do do	Edwin Gough,	Nanaimo	VIII	2	50		Hay Land,	
29 April 1863	John Enos,	Nanooze Bay	Unsurveyed,		100	A few Cattle	Garden.	

(Signed.)

W. H. FRANKLYN,
Land Recorder

SCHEDULE E.

Statistical Report by Land Recorder of Comox District, showing the actual settlers, quantity of Land held and improved by each, improvements, and estimated value, Stock, &c., to 23rd November, 1864.

DATE OF RECORD.	NAME OF OCCUPIER.	Acres Pre-empted	Acres bought.	\$ cts				Estimated value of Improvements.	Work Oxen	Milch Cows.	Young Cattle.	Pigs	Remarks
				Dwelling	Houses	Other Houses.	Acres Fenced.						
3 January 1863	Brown, A	100	1	4	2			250 00					
2 September 1862	Bailey, J	250	1	3	9	9		450 00	2	7	11	50	
14 July, 1863	Burrage, C	50	1	2	2			350 00				40	
2 August, 1864	Burrage, W	100											
4 March, 1864	Blakesley, H	100	1	1	4			250 00	2	1			
12 November 1863	Burns, M	100	1		8	41 $\frac{1}{2}$		250 00	2	5	9	70	
2 September 1862	Carwithin P J	150	1					100 00					
6 January, 1863	Cameron, W	100											
do	do Cameron, B	100											
3 January, do	Clarke, J	100	1	1	3	3		250 00	3	3	20		
2 September 1862	Duncan, W	150	1	1	10	5		250 00	2	3	4	20	
17 October, 1864	Douglass, J	100											
3 January, 1863	Fletcher, C	100	1	1	7	2		250 00					
26 November, do	Finlay, T	100	40	1	12	3		250 00				5	
12 November 1863	Fahy, P	100											
12 August, 1864	Fitzgerald, J	100	1					100 00	2	1			
4 March, do	Gundersou, S	100	1	1	10	2		300 00				8	
2 September, 1862	Green, C	150	1	1	8	8		400 00	2				
14 July, 1864	Good, Revd. J B	170	1	1				300 00					
27 April, 1863	Haunston, W	220	1	2	8	1		430 00	2	2	4	3	
5 Nov. 1862	Harrup, H	100	1		10	4		200 00	2				
26 July, 1864	King, J	100											
17 Aug. do	Musters, W C	160											
15 Dec. 1862	McNish, J	100											
September, 1863	McFarlane,	100											
9 October 1862	McKelvey, A	100	1	2	7	21		250 00				7	15
15 December 1862	Murphy, P	100	1	1	7	6		250 00	2	5	5	22	
17 October, 1864	Machin, W	100											
4th June, 1862	Mitchell, G	150	1	2	25	18		700 00					
9 October, do	McCutchan,	100	1		4	3		250 00					
9 September do	Nathan, A	150	1	1	15	7		400 00					
9 October, do	Robb, J	180	1	3		3		475 00	4	1	2	9	
2 May, 1863	Robb, W R	100	1			2		150 00					
17 October, 1864	Rudiard, G	100											
7 October, 1864	Ritchie, R	100											
20 September 1862	Rogers, A	150	1	1	5	4		375 00					
6 January, 1863	Thompson, J	100	1	1	1			250 00	2	7	1		
29 October 1864	Wilson, J	100	200	1	10	21		375 00					
Totals.		4530	240	26	27	169	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	7855 00	22	36	47	262	

(Signed,) _____

JAMES ROBB,
Land Recorder.

